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### HIGHWAY COMMISSION MAKES FIRST REPORT; POINTS OUT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

**Commission Spent \$50,473 Up to and Including March 15, As Against Reported Saving of Approximately \$275,000 Effected Through Reduced Rate On Stone Aggregate. Legal Status Blocked Operations for Months—Working Now to Bring About Conditions Looking to "Reasonable Bids"**

The first report of the Maricopa County Highway Commission to the board of supervisors was made public yesterday at the offices of the board. The report points out that although no construction work has been done on the county's \$4,000,000 road program as yet, the commission has been endeavoring in the last few weeks to bring about conditions favorable to local as well as foreign contractors "in order to enable them to give us what the commission would consider a reasonable bid."

Much delay resulted, the commission indicates, in clearing its path of legal entanglements, "as from the beginning there was some difference in opinion as to the powers of our commission from a legal standpoint," which resulted in two cases before the supreme court, the outcome setting at naught several months of effort.

The total expense of the commission's operations to March 15 amounted to \$50,473, a figure which the report minimizes by pointing to a saving of approximately \$275,000 through a reduced freight rate on stone aggregate obtained through the unceasing efforts of the commission.

Here is the entire report:

March 15, 1920  
State of Arizona.  
To the Honorable, the Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County.

STATEMENT MARICOPA COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION			
Phoenix, Ariz., March 1, 1920.			
<b>Expenditures—</b>			
Commissioners' salary .....	\$ 10,860.00		
<b>Other Expenditures—</b>			
Clerical salary .....	\$ 1,216.66		
General expense .....	312.74		
Office expense .....	645.00		
Office fixtures and equipment .....	310.00		
Rent .....	205.00		
Advertising .....	127.40		
Railroad rates, expense securing .....	633.65		
Legal advice .....	600.00	\$ 4,051.15	
			\$ 14,911.15
<b>Engineering Department—</b>			
Automobiles and equipment .....	\$ 2,525.85		
Automobile expense .....	1,345.32		
Engineering equipment .....	1,683.09		
General expense .....	710.51		
Office expense .....	1,066.22		
Rent .....	205.00		
Salary .....	21,812.62		
Specification books .....	210.05		
Insurance .....	391.00		
Blue printing .....	418.02	\$ 30,397.68	
<b>Actual expenditures by the commission for all purposes .....</b>			
			\$ 45,308.83
Election expense, per bill of county .....	\$ 4,031.94		
Delivery of bonds expense .....	418.73		
Advertising bond sale in New York .....	714.00	\$ 5,164.67	
<b>Total expenditures to date .....</b>			
			\$ 50,473.50
Bonds and premium .....			\$1,008,125.00
Cash in county treasury .....		957,651.50	
			\$1,008,125.00
<b>Unpaid due bills to March 1, 1920:</b>			
Invoices .....	\$ 6.25		
Unpaid demands .....	762.48		
	\$ 768.73		

point, this resulting in the two cases before the supreme court in November, 1919, the outcome of which annulled practically the first four or five months of our efforts. At the same time the commission was alive to the importance of a freight rate to justify hauling the stone aggregates by rail and never let up in their efforts along that line until we procured an approximate saving on the existing freight

rates at that time, of something like \$275,000. In comparison you will see this is something like five and one-half times the amount expended by the commission in all branches since its inception, and some progress has been made along the line of securing better freight rates on cement and asphaltum. However, in the last few weeks we have been consistently endeavoring to bring about conditions that will be favorable to the local as well as foreign contractors in order to enable them to give us what the commission would consider a reasonable bid.

While the taxpayers in general are not familiar with the immense problems to be solved in the way of pro-

Statement of Total Expenditures to March 1, 1920

Automobile and equipment .....	\$ 2,525.85
Engineering equipment .....	1,683.09
Auto maintenance and operation .....	1,345.32
General expense and supplies .....	1,066.22
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Estimates present value autos and equipment .....

Estimates present value eng. equipment .....

Credit: surveys for county engineer .....

Total cost engineering .....

Cost of Engineering to March 1, 1920

Surveying (field work)—

Salaries—Auto and auto equipment .....

Depreciation—Surveying equipment .....

Auto maintenance and operation .....

General field expense and supplies .....

Rent .....

Drafting and Design (Office work)—

Salaries—Auto and auto equipment .....

Depreciation—Engineering equipment .....

Auto maintenance and operation .....

General office expense and supplies .....

Insurance and bond premium .....

Blue printing .....

Engineering Supervision—

Salaries—Chief engineer and office engineer .....

Total .....

Summary

Total engineering cost .....

Total surveying (field work) .....

Total drafting and design (office work) .....

Average cost per mile (field work) .....

Average cost per mile (office work) .....

Average cost per mile, completed work .....

Total miles surveyed .....

Total miles office work .....

Total cost of work is 1/2 of 1 per cent of the total bond issue.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) R. C. PERKINS,

Highway Engineer.

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1919, and March, 1920, more draftsmen could have been used and thereby reducing the cost of finished work, but owing to the vast amount of work under way in most every section of the county, it was found impossible to secure the services of competent men.

During this period the average length of service of any one man was two and one-half months and out of the twenty-one men employed, three left voluntarily to attend school; eight left voluntarily to accept better positions and four were released on account of lack of proper training and experience.

The efficiency of the office force has

### MANY RUSH HERE TO HOMESTEAD ARIZONA LAND

**Three Hundred More Applications Filed Each Month In Phoenix Office Than Were Made One Year Ago**

Three hundred homestead and desert land applications a month more than the number filed during the same months a year ago, testifies to the great demand for public lands in Arizona, according to L. G. Rosengren of the United States land office at Phoenix.

Mr. Rosengren believes the vast increase in numbers of those taking up lands is due to the inflated price of real estate as well as to the fact that hundreds of returned soldiers are seeking property in Arizona. Many of the disabled soldiers have been advised by physicians to take up homesteads and live and outdoor life, while others are seeking the lands, like many, for investments.

"There are many people who came here primarily to file on public lands, Arizona having a vast acreage of surveyed lands in its fourteen counties," said Rosengren. "Seventy-five per cent of those who file on the lands prove up, while 25 per cent relinquish or abandon the property."

Many Make Fortunes  
The same law governing homestead and desert lands is in effect in every state where a continued residence of three years is required with a five-months leave granted each year. One-sixteenth of the area must be cultivated during the second year, and an eighth of the area beginning the third year.

While the statutory life of an entry is five years, Mr. Rosengren stated that a number of entrymen had made fortunes in cotton, while snug fortunes had been made in alfalfa.

The approximate amount of surveyed land in the state, he gave as 7,142,565 acres and stated that the acreage of national forests was 12,076,769, with about the same area given to Indian reservations. Unsurveyed lands in Arizona, he said, numbered 13,572,220 acres.

Unsurveyed Land in State

The approximate area of surveyed land and its character in the different counties was given as follows:

Apache, 528,033 acres, mountainous, arid, timber; Cochise, 396,939, mountainous, grazing; Coconino, 330,168, mountainous, grazing, timber; Gila, 35,718, arid, broken; Graham, 352,483, mountainous, grazing, broken; Greenlee, 99,272, arid, mountainous, grazing, broken; Maricopa, 962,346, arid, grazing, broken; Mohave, 1,404,720, arid, grazing, broken; Navajo, 332,440, arid, grazing, broken; Pima, 646,839, mountainous, arid, grazing; Pinal, 632,065, arid, grazing; Santa Cruz, 52,562, mountainous, arid, grazing; Yavapai, 532,606, mountainous, grazing, broken; Yuma, 785,024, arid, grazing, broken.

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